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THE name Tolman was originally "le Tollere" or "le Toller," then "Toleman" and "Tolman," meaning they who took the King's levy. There is a tradition that the family was of German origin, and settled early in England. The earliest record of the name, that I have found, is of a "Sir Thomas Tolman grand Almoner to Egbert, first king of the united Saxons, A. D. 825." I have also seen it stated that "Sir Thomas Tolman, head of Tolman family, was of North Lincolnshire, England. His nephew was a favorite of Charles I; " also there was a "Sir Thomas Tolman who commanded a regiment of Puritans at Marston Moor in 1644."

It is claimed by members of the family that the following is a description of the coat of arms:—"Sa. a martlet ar. betw. three ducal crowns or. Crest—two arms in armour embowed, wielding a battle axe, all ppr." A partial record of the family may be found in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register (Vol. XIV., pp. 247—260) for July, 1860, and in the history of Thomaston, Maine.

1. THOMAS TOLMAN<sup>1</sup>, was born in England, undoubtedly in Salcomb Regis, Devonshire, two miles northeast of Sidmouth. in 1608, as the parish records of that place state that "Thomas Tolman (son of Thomas) was baptised, December 9, 1608." It is also recorded that Thomas Tolman died there and was buried August 24, 1632; and he was probably father of the above. Mr. Tolman sailed from Plymouth, England, on March 20, 1630, in the "Mary and John," Capt. Squeb, arrived at Nant<sup>as</sup>ucket on May 30 following, and settled in Dorchester, Mass., in 1630. He married 1st, Sarah [     ], and 2dly, Katharine [     ], who died on Nov. 7, 1677. He was made freeman May 13, 1640; was made Constable in 1661, and for several years following: died June 18, 1690, in his 82d year.



He was buried, probably, in the old cemetery at Upham Corner, Dorchester, in the oldest part, where the graves were then covered with stones to prevent the ravages of the wolf. He owned a large tract of land westerly of Neponset Bridge, on lands which are now included in the bounds of Sharon, Stoughton and Canton, extending in length about seven miles. His house stood on the north side of Pine Neck Creek, over which the turnpike road passes, about a quarter of a mile from the bridge. He was one of the signers of the covenant of the First Church in Dorchester, made in 1636, and his name is mentioned many times not only on the church record but on the earliest town records of that place. The first record of the town states that, "It is ordered that Goodman Tolman's house be appointed for the receiving any goods that shall be brought in whereof the owner is not known."

A copy of the will of Thomas Tolman is here given:—

In the name of God Amen: The twentieth-fift of ye Third moneth in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-eight. I Thomas Tolman Seni<sup>r</sup> of Dorchester in the Collony of the Massachusetts in New England being now through the great Goodness & Mercy of God praised be his name, entred into the Eightyeth yeare of my Age, but of good & sound memory & waiting dayly for my great chang, which I trust & beleive shall through the electing love of God & the Redeeming Grace of Christ, my only Lord & Saviour be most welcome & happy to mee. I Do make constitute & Declare this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following: Revoeking & hereby makeing voyd all former & other will & wills by me at any time made; And first of all my will is that my body be decently buried (if God permit) by the care of my Executors hereafter named. Next I Doe will that all my just debts to every man be duely & speedily paid. Item unto my eldest son Thomas Tolman I give & confirme my present Dwelling house & barne to be his with the halfe Acre of land it stands upon as all the Land Meadow & Upland that I gave him at his marriage & that his Deede make mention of. Moreover that six acres w<sup>c</sup> I bought since his Marriage, of Jonathan Birch to him his heirs & assigns forever: Provided always & it is my will & appointment, That he my son Thomas he, his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> Administ<sup>rs</sup> shall & do pay as followeth; that is to say, to my Daughter



Sarah Leadbetter the sume of fifteen pounds, & to my Daughter Rebekah Tucker, the like sume of fifteen pounds, in good current country pay at such reasonable price as it may pass between man & man, only my will is that my Daughter Rebekah be first paid ; because she may need it most. Also my will is that my son Thomas pay the sum of Fifteen pounds to the children of my Daughter Ruth Ryall Deceased in silver or at money price, if money be not to be had & to his sister Hannah Lyon let be paid six pound & ten shillings in silver or at silver price, the legacies to my Daughter Ruth Rials children & to my Daughter Hannah Lyon I will that these two legacies be paid at two paym<sup>t</sup> ye first paym<sup>t</sup> to be two yeares after my Decease & the other paym<sup>t</sup> foure yeares after my Decease & all the other legacies before mentioned I will that they be paid in foure yeares after my Decease. viz the first yeare one Quarter part & the second another quarter part & ye third yeare another quarter part. & the fourth yeare I will that the whole be fully paid & discharged, so that all be paid in ye space of four yeares after my decease.

Item I give my son Thomas my great club axe.

Item unto my son John Tolman I give & confirm all the Meadow & upland that his deeds from me make mention of, to be his with the buildings that is thereon, to be to him his heirs & assigns forever PROVIDED likewise that he my son John his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> or Administ<sup>rs</sup> shall and do pay or cause to be paid in like current reasonable pay as abovesaid the summes following: viz<sup>t</sup> unto my Daughter Mary Collens the summe of Twenty pounds & to my Daughter Hannah Lyon the summe of Ten pound & my meaning & will is that these legacies abovesaid shall be paid the one half of each of them within or at two yeares end & the other halfe at the end of four yeares after my decease. Also my wearing apparel I give unto my two sons woollen & linnen Equally to be divided between them. But I will that my son John shall have my Iron Hoopes & boxes that may be upon my wheels that shall be left: for I have given my son Thomas a new sett of Iron Hoopes heretofore: & to my Daughter Hannah Lion I give my best bed I usually lye upon with the best paire of Sheets & the best furniture belonging to it & bedstead & to my Daughter Rebecca Tucker my second best bed with ye second best appurtenances thereto belonging And I will that she my Daughter Rebecca shall have my lesser kittle of Brass & Hannah my Daughter the biggest. As for my pewter my will is that



my Daughter Mary shall have one of the biggest pewter platters, Sarah Leadbetter the other biggest, & Hannah my Daughter the third best Rebecca my daughter the fourth, & the rest of my moveable household stuff to be lovingly divided between my three Daughters, Sarah Hannah & Rebecca, & an old brass pott I give to my son John & my part of the Iron barr or crow & I make & constitute my two sons Thomas & John to my Execut<sup>rs</sup> And further my will is that there be no demanding of any Debt that any of my children thinke I owe any of them or if any paper be found what I have done for them be all quitt, this I write that peace & love may be continued amongst my Dear children Only if I dy before James Tucker pay me Ten pounds in money of New England, that then my will is that he the said James Tucker shall pay or cause to be paid to Isaac Ryalls two eldest Daughters Ruth & Mary five pound a peice in current money of New England, if it be to be had, if not then to pay in currant pay at money price as indifferent men shall judge, if you cannot agree amongst yourselves & my will is yt ye said James Tucker Doing thus shall have up his bond of Eighteen pound that I lent him & the remainder of what he borrowed I give to his wife. Rebecca my Daughter in part of her portion. beside what I have already speci-fyed & this I ordain as my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have sett to my hand & seale this 29 of Octo. 1688.

THOMAS TOLMAN senier & a Seale

Signed sealed & declared in presence of us

Peter Thatcher 29-8-88

& John Danforth 5-9-88

James Blake

Present

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Simon Bradstreet Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>

Isaac Addington }  
 & } Esq<sup>rs</sup> Assist<sup>ts</sup>  
 John Smith }

John Tolman the other Execut<sup>r</sup>  
 renounced his Execut<sup>r</sup>ship

February 5th 1690, Thomas Tolman jun<sup>r</sup> the nominated Execut<sup>r</sup> presented this will for probate. M<sup>r</sup> Peter Thatcher, M<sup>r</sup> John Danforth & M<sup>r</sup> James Blake made oath that they were present & did see Thomas Tolman sen<sup>r</sup> Seale & heard him publish this Instrum<sup>t</sup> to be



his last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & that when he so did he was of a disposing mind to their understanding.

Attest (being present) Joseph Webb cler.

The inventory of his estate was taken on July 23, 1690, by John Breck and John Minot; amount £325.15. Among the items are 8 acres of land without the "great lotts" fenced. £32; 26 acres of land within fence. £100; 6 acres of salt marsh £42; dwelling house, barn and orchard, £100. February 13, 1690-1 Thomas Tolman deposed. Will presented for probate by Thomas Tolman Feb. 5, 1690-1. John Tolman the other Executor renounced his executorship, when Messrs. Thacher, Danforth & Blake deposed. (Suffolk Wills, Lib. 8, fol. 41.) Children of Thomas Tolman all born in Dorchester:—

2. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. in 1634; m. Elizabeth Johnson, Nov. 4, 1664.

RUTH<sup>2</sup>, bapt. Dec. 7, 1644; m. Isaac Royal, a carpenter.

The contract for building the First Church in Dorchester was given to him. "The work of ye Meeting-house was undertaken by Mr. Isaac Royal & performed, I think for £200." (Blake's *Annals of Dorchester*.) He owned what was called the Doibeare Place. She died May 1, 1681. He was made freeman in 1690: m. secondly Waitstill [ ] who died a widow, Nov. 29, 1732.

MARY<sup>2</sup>, bapt. May 20, 1651; m. [ ] Collins, of Lynn. The New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Register says "Two eldest daughters of Thomas Tolman" were "Ruth and Mary."

HANNAH<sup>2</sup>, b. July 27, 1638; m. first, George Lyon, Dec. 14, 1661. He d. Oct. 26, 1684(?) She m. secondly, William Blake. "Mrs. Hannah (Tolman) Lyon, married William Blake, November 22, 1693." He died Sept. 26, 1694. She died Aug. 4, 1729. "This year (1729), Aug. 4th Died Hannah ye widow of William Blake, formerly ye wife of George Lion, in ye 91st year of her age" (Blake's *Annals of Dorchester*.) February 17, 1724-5 (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 38, fol. 135), "Hannah Blake of Dorchester, widow, for the parental love and affection I bear to my well beloved son Thomas Lion,"



conveys to him, "All my right and interest in the tenth lot on the 12 divisions in Dorchester and other parcels of land, which was the estate of my father Thomas Tolman of said Dorchester." According to Stoughton Town Records, "Hannah, dau. of Thomas and Sarah Tolman, was born in Dorchester July 27, 1642, and the following is found in the Dorchester Town Records, "Hannah, daughter of Thomas Tolman, baptised April 20, 1640." She was dismissed from the Dorchester to Milton Church, Aug. 28, 1681.

JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. [ ] 1642; m. first in Lynn, Elizabeth Collins, Nov. 30, 1666. She was b. in Boston, April 8, 1648; d. Oct. 7, 1690. He married secondly, widow Mary Paul, June 15, 1692, who died Aug. 15, 1720. He died Jan. 1, 1724-5, aged 83 years; was one of the selectmen of Dorchester for the years 1693, 94 and 95; made freeman in 1678.

REBECCA<sup>2</sup>, bapt. April 6, 1647; m. James Tucker.

SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. [ ] m. Henry Leadbetter of Dorchester, March 18, 1659. "Henry Leadbetter was married by Major Atherton 18 (1 mo  $\frac{2}{3}$ ) to Sarah (Tolman)." (Canton Records.) He died April 20, 1722.

2. THOMAS (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), was b. in 1634; m. Elizabeth daughter of Richard Johnson, Nov. 4, 1664. "Tho. Tolman and Elizabeth Johnson m. 4: 9 m 1664 in Lynn."—Lynn Records. She was born in Lynn, [ ] 1638, and died Dec. 14, 1720, aged 82. In the old cemetery at Upham's Corner, Dorchester, there is a grave-stone bearing the following inscription:

Here lies ye Body  
O Elizabeth Tolman  
Widow of Thomas  
Tolman Aged 82  
Yeares Died Dec<sup>r</sup>  
14<sup>th</sup> 1720.

Richard Johnson bequeathed "To my two daughters Abigail Collins and Elizabeth Tolman five pounds per p<sup>ce</sup>e and to each of their now being children twenty five shillings per p<sup>ce</sup>e to bee



paid them after the decease of my wife if she leaves estate to doe it" 27. 9. 66. (Essex County Probate.)

Thomas Tolman was made freeman in 1678 and with his wife joined the Church at Dorchester, May 17, 1764. His house stood about 100 feet from Ashmont Street, on Tolman's Lane, and was probably built for him by his father. He died Sept. 12, 1718, aged 84; buried in Upham's Corner, Dorchester. The following is a copy of his will (Suffolk Probate, Lib. 21, fol. 56):

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Tolman Sen<sup>r</sup> of Dorchester in the County of Suffolk in her Majesties Territories of New England Wheelwright made the first day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and eleven. And I do hereby Revoke all former Willis whatsoever. First I commit my Soul unto God my Maker, and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer by whom I hope to be saved and my Body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried by my two sons herein after named. And as for my worldly Estate which God hath graciously lent me I Dispose of them in manner and form as followeth. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son, Thomas Tolman or to his heirs, thirty pounds to be paid him by his two Brothers, Samuel and Daniel Tolman, within three years after my decease; also, I give unto him six score acres of Land lying beyond Punkapog, being the Eleventh Lott, as it is Recorded in the Town Book, besides thirty five pounds, which he has already received I give him a share in the Outland that is undivided, that I have in Dorchester. Also, unto my son Thomas's seven children, ten shillings apiece, Excepting only Thomas, the eldest of them, to whom I give twenty shillings to be paid three years after myself and Wifes decease. I give unto my son, Samuel Tolman, my House and Barn and Orchard and Land thereunto adjoining, that is butted and bounded on the east, with a Stone Wall, on the North, with the Land of Samuel Jones, Southerly, with Widow Trott's Land, on the West and North West, with the Land of Isaac Royals. I give unto him, also, nine acres of Land lying in a place called the first Division, which land was formerly Cap<sup>t</sup> Forsters, bounded Easterly, with Widow Trotts Land, Westerly, with Land of Maj<sup>r</sup> Robert Spurs, Northerly, with land of James Trotts, and Southerly with land that was Nathaniel Wiots. Also, I give unto him, half that piece of Pasture land lying adjoining to the Stone Wall on the



East of my Home lot, already mentioned, on the East, bounded with his brother Daniels House, Northerly, with Samuel Jones's Land, Southerly, with Widow Trotts land. I give unto him four acres of Land, lying in a place called the Great Lots, which Lot was formerly Burches, bounded Easterly, with Thomas Pearces land, Westerly, with his Brother Daniels Orchard, on the North, with John Tolmans land, on the South, with a Fence that stands against his brother Daniels Land. I give unto my son, Daniel Tolman, the other half of that Pasture land which belongs to and lyeth with the same that I have given his Brother Samuel, bounded with the above said Stone Wall on the North, which Wall is the bounds between the aforesaid Samuel Jonese's land and my two sons, Samuel and Daniel, and also the aforesaid Widow Trotts Land on the South, and on the East w<sup>th</sup> the House and Land that I have given to my son Daniel, which Pasture Land, Samuel and Daniel, shall have between them. I give also unto my son, Daniel, the Land lying on the East side of his Dwelling House, being bounded on the East with the Town Highway, on the South and part on the North, with the Land of Thomas Pierce, and partly on the North, with the Land above mentioned, that I have given to my son, Samuel, and on the West, partly with Widow Trotts land. I give unto my son, Daniel, also, the Orchard that was my Father Tolmans, lying partly on the west of the said Land, adjoining to an Orchard also on the North and East, on the West, with the House and Barn and Land which I have given to him already, in a Deed of Gift, as aforesaid. I give also unto my two sons, Samuel and Daniel, ten acres of upland, lying near a Salt Creek and a Neck called Pine Neck and also adjoining to a piece of Salt Meadow on the East, belonging to Edward Forster and Isaac Humphrhy's Meadow, on the North, North East, and Westerly, against the Upland of John Pearce, on the South, with Samuel Jouse's meadow, my son Daniels Meadow, and Daniel Allens Meadow. I give unto Samuel and Daniel, four acres of Salt Meadow, be it more or less, lying in the Township of Milton, which Meadow I bought of Anthony Culiver, bounded Westerly and Southerly, w<sup>th</sup> a Salt Creek, on the North and East, with the Meadow that is partly my son, Samuels and partly Josiah Puffers, or that was formerly Crains meadow. I give unto Samuel and Daniel four acres of salt meadow in Dorchester, near adjoining to John Minots Land, or to a fence that now stands in the South part of it, and Isaac Hows Meadow, on the West, and Daniel



Allins Meadow on the same ; the ten acres of Upland above mentioned, that I have given them already, and the Meadow that was M<sup>r</sup> Stoughtons, on the East, also, unto my two sons, Samuel and Daniel a share, with their brother Thomas, in all the undivided Land I have in or belonging to the Township of Dorchester. Unto my daughter Mary Cranes Children : first, I give unto her Eldest son, twenty shillings ; and to the Rest of her Children, ten shillings apiece, which shall be paid them by my sons, Samuel and Daniel, three years after mine and my Wifes decease, each of them paying two pounds ten shillings apiece in money or Country pay. I give unto my daughter, Mary Crane, ten pounds, besides the fifty pounds she hath already received, which ten pounds shall be paid within two years after my decease, paying five pounds a year. I give unto my Wife, all my Moveable Estate, viz<sup>t</sup>. my Household Stuff and Cattle and also my Negro Man. My will is, that after my decease, two of my sons, Samuel and Daniel, shall see that all the Debts and Legacies above mentioned and also my Funeral Charges or Expenses be cleared and discharged. My will is, that if my Wife have not sufficient and comfortable livelyhood out of all that I have given her of my moveable estate, she then shall have full power to sell any part of the Land that I have given to my sons, Samuel and Daniel. My Will is, that the work that my sons, Samuel and Daniel have done about fencing the Land above named, before my decease, shall be acquitted. Also, that my son, Samuel, shall repair the house and barn for his mother, if there be need, after my decease. My Will is, that Samuel and Daniel, shall not hinder each other from a free passage over their lands with a Cart, in the way y<sup>t</sup> I have been wont to go in. Also, that Samuel shall have a free passage to his Lot, commonly called. Burches Lot, with a Cart, if need be ; also, they shall carefully shut or put up barrs or gates after them, so that they do not damage to each other. In this will I have Indeavoured, according to my Capacity, to do that which is right among my Children, but and if any of them dislike what I have given them, so far as to make difference and contention among the rest of them, my will is, that either of them that shall so offend shall forfeit one half of all that I have given them, which half shall be equally divided amongst the rest of



my children. My will is, that my Wife be sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

THOMAS TOLMAN.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us, Samuel Jones, John Pierce, James Trott.

Addition to the above Will.—I, Thomas Tolman, bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth, my Mansion House and Barn, Gardens & Orchard adjoining, the Meadow Land by the well, four acres of Salt Meadow by Dan : Allens, sufficient pasture for three Cows, and an house in the Pasture by Thomas Pearces, to her sole use and improvement during her Widowhood. My cattle I intend and comprehend in the Moveables given her, and power to dispose of the same, and of my Man Servant, either by Sale, Testament or Deed of Gift to whom she will. Whereas I have given a Share to my son, Thomas, in my Undivided Lands, my Intent is, that it be a Single Share only. Sept. 8, 1718.

THOMAS TOLMAN, S<sup>r</sup>

[In presence of witnesses above mentioned.]

Inventory of the estate of Thomas Tolman prized May 22, 1725 by Joseph Hewins, John Nixon, William Crane. Amount £497-11-6, Mary Tolman Admin<sup>r</sup> deposed.

Children :—

3. THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) ; m. Experience [        ].

MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 26, 1671. " Mary ye daughter of Thomas Tolman baptized 31 (3) 1674 her father and mother being lately admitted & ther same being baptized formerly at Linn by virtue of fathers covenant" (Dorchester Church Records.) She married Ebenezer Crane, December 13, 1689. " Ebenezer Crane b. Aug. 6, 1665, m. Nov. 13, 1689, Mary, dau. of Thomas Jr. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Tolman and a grand-daughter of the Thomas Tolman, senior, who came from England in 1635 and was one of the first settlers of Dorchester: both her father and grand-father were prominent and influential citizens of Dorchester where she was b. Nov. 26, 1671." (Genealogy of the Crane Family.)

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, b. June 11, 1676 ; m. Experience, daughter of Desire Clap, Nov. 21, 1704. She was b. Nov. 30, 1653 ;



d. April 9, 1726. He married, secondly, Patience Humphreys, March 13, 1728; and died May 18, 1738. About 1695 his father built for him a house in Tolman's Lane, near Washington Street. This house descended to his son Aquila, and to his grandson Increase.

DANIEL<sup>3</sup>, b. May 1, 1679; m. Sarah Humphreys, April 16, 1708. He d. April 30, 1761. She d. June 14, 1774 aged, 88. He owned four houses as appears by his inventory. One was at the water-side, on land now owned by heirs of Joseph Tolman. Another given by him to his son Daniel was on the corner of Ashmont Street and Dorchester Avenue; the old well still remains in front of this house. The third house he gave to his son Jonas. The fourth, he gave to his son, Ebenezer; it is still standing on Adams Street.

3. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. [     ]; m. [     ] Experience [     ]; d. Nov. 6, 1738. She was b. [     ], 1663; d. May 15, 1762. Mr. Tolman settled as early as 1713 in the Dorchester new grant, which in 1726 became the town of Stoughton. His farm was in that part of the new grant which is now the town of Canton. The town records of Stoughton show that all his children came with him to his new home, except Nathaniel. He and his wife were members of Mr. Dunbar's Church, called "The Church," and afterward the "First Church in Stoughton," now in Canton. He was received into full communion Aug. 5, 1722. Mr. Dunbar wrote in the original Church records that "November 6, 1738. Thomas Tolman, our aged brother, fell down dead at his work."—And again, "March 14, 1746, the aged widow Tolman gave £5 to the Church."

"Experience Tolman Widow to Thomas Tolman Late of Stoughton Deceas'd Died May ye 15th 1762 in ye 99th year of her Age" (Canton Church Records.) He left no will but divided his estate among his children while living. The following extracts of deeds were copied from Suffolk Registry of Deeds:—

July 8, 1715. Thomas Tolman and wife Experience, of Dorchester, to son Timothy, deed of gift of 18 acres in the tenth



lot, "Bounding on my son Thomas, on Capt. Tileston, on Obadiah Hawes and John Maxfield" (Lib. 30, fol. 219).

Jan. 13, 1719/20. Thomas Tolman. Jr. of Dorchester, Yeoman, and his wife Experience. "For the love and affection they bear to their beloved and dutiful son Thomas Tolman . . . . a part of the tenth lot in the twelve divisions, containing all that part or share that was my grandfather Tolmans share or right on said lot, with the house or building on said lot, bounded on Richard Hixon, on myself on Henry Leadbetter according to our divisional agreement dated June 15, 1714" (Lib. 38, fol. 211.)

Feb. 19, 1714/5 "Thomas Tolman of Dorchester. Yeoman, for the natural affection which I bear unto Bliss Tolman my beloved son," conveys 36 acres in Dorchester, "In the tenth lot in the twelve divisions in the new grant . . . . bounded on Timothy Jones, Joseph Hartwell and William Stone" (Lib. 38, fol. 127).

Nov. 17, 1733. Thomas Tolman of Stoughton unto his son Timothy of the same place, deed of gift. "In part of his share and portion of my estate, . . . . all the land that was laid out by the propriitors of Dorchester and Stoughton unto me in my own name (by them distinguished by the name of Thomas Tolman Jr.) being  $37\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the seventeenth lot in the twenty five divisions so called, lying in comon and undivided with the rights of Thomas Tolman died, Thomas Tolman Senior, and widow Smith, which together with the right of Samuel Tolman which was laid out by itself, constitutes and makes up the said 17th lot of which the above granted premises are a part" (Lib. 48, fol. 190).

March, 22-1730/1. Thomas and wife Experience, of Dorchester deed of gift. "To well beloved son Nathaniel Tolman, now living in Needham, Tanner, one half of all my right or share in the 17th lot in the twenty five divisions, lying in partnership with my brothers Samuel and Daniel" (Lib. 77, fol. 126). Children, born in Dorchester :—

THOMAS,<sup>†</sup> b. [       ] 1689; baptized Aug. 12, 1694; m.

Mary Hartwell [       ]. He died Feb. 3, 1724/5 aged 35;



buried in Canton. "Thomas nathaniell Timothy thes: 3 ye sonns of Thomas Tollman Juner wer baptised ye same daye" (Aug. 12, 1694). (Dorchester Church Records.)

"Thomas Tolman<sup>4</sup> (Eldest son of Thomas Tolman and Experience Tolman) Dyed Feby 3<sup>d</sup> 1724<sup>5</sup>." (Dorchester Records.)

4. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 22, 1691 ; m. Ann [        ].

TIMOTHY,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 10, 1693 ; m. Elizabeth Wadsworth of Milton, May 26, 1725. She d. Feb. 21, 1787 ; buried in Needham. Inscription on grave stone—"In memory of M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Tolman (Widow of M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Tolman of Stoughton) who died Feb<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1787 aged 86 years." "Added to the Church (in Canton) Timothy Tolman, April 14, 1727." He died July 5, 1773, in Stoughton, aged 80.

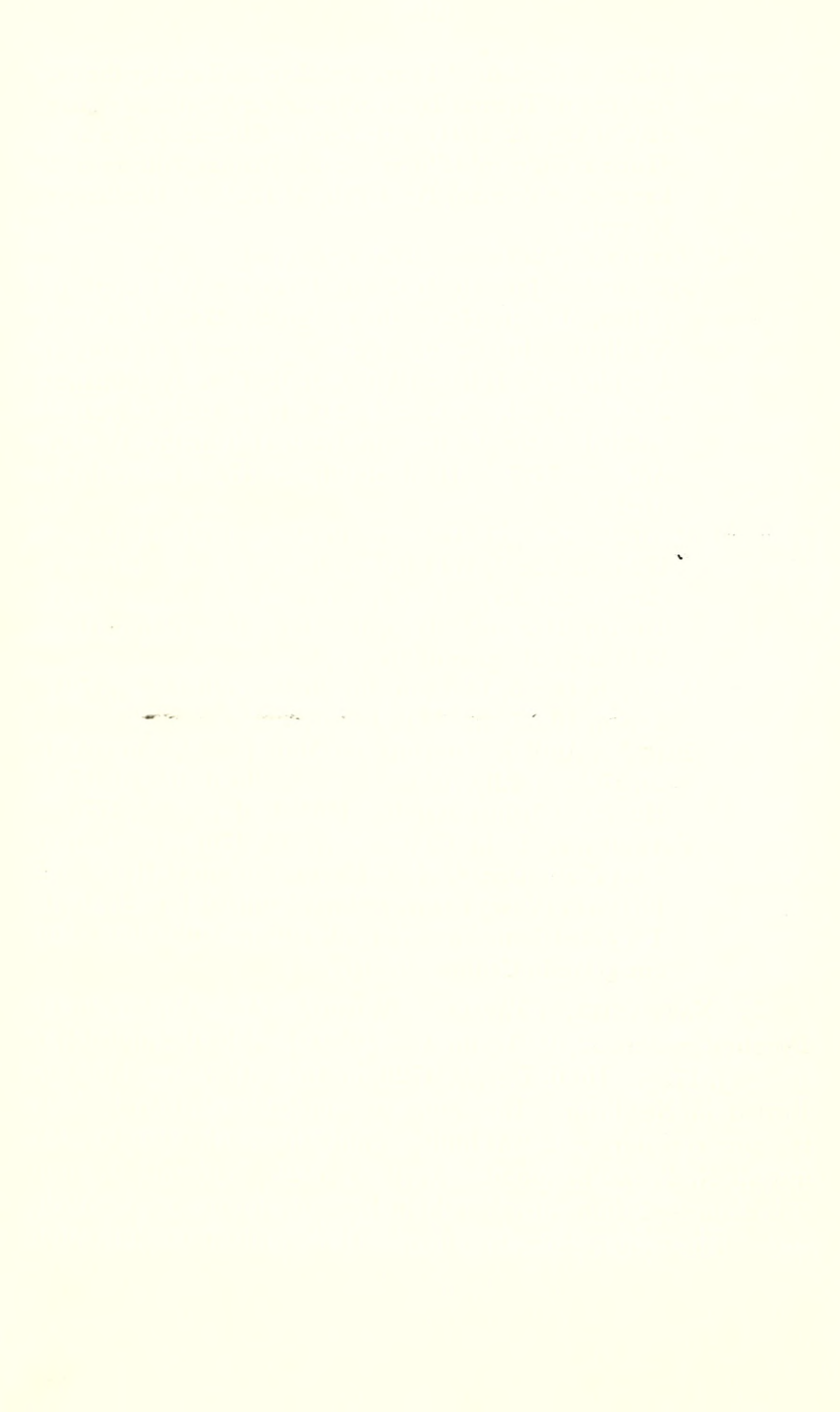
- 1 DAVID,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1695 ; m. Prudence Redman, Dec. 8, 1725 ; d. Dec. 5, 1745, in Stoughton, aged 51 ; buried in Canton cemetery. Inscription on grave stone—"David Tolman Deceased December the fifth Anno Dom. 1745 in ye 51<sup>st</sup> year of his age."

MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 5, 1697 ; m. Joseph Hartwell Dec. 8, 1725 ; d. Nov. 10, 1782. He d. Feb. 6, 1786.

BLISS,<sup>4</sup> b. April 8, 1704 ; m. first Mary [        ], who d. Oct. 28, 1745 ; m. 2dly Judith [        ]. She d. July 31, 1748. He was in Milton March 4, 1732-3 ; d. [        ], 1775.

EXPERIENCE,<sup>4</sup> b. in Canton Nov. 28, 1707 ; m. Deacon Silas Crane Dec. 8, 1725. He was the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Vose) Crane, and was baptized June 21, 1691. They died June 6 and 7, 1753, and are both interred in one grave in Canton cemetery.

4. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), was b. in Dorchester Dec. 22, 1691 ; m. Ann [*Reiq*]. She d. (probably) [        ], 1738. He d. Dec. 9, 1729, in the 38th year of his age. Buried in Needham. The stone was probably destroyed when the new cemetery wall was built, as only the marker bearing the initials N. T. can be found. April 17, 1720, Nathaniel Tolman was dismissed from the church in Dedham to the one in Needham. His widow, Ann, was married in Needham to Nathaniel



Ayers, of Stoughton, April 20, 1731. They had two sons, John and Aaron Ayers, who in 1742-3 were to receive their portion of their mother's estate from their half brother, Nathaniel Tolman. The administration of the estate of her first husband, Nathaniel Tolman, was granted to her. She "deceased without having fully administered thereon." . . . . and her son Nathaniel was appointed in her place. "Nath'l Tolman Letter of Admn. de bonis non Feb. 27, 1742. Whereas on the 16th day of February A. D. 1729 administration of the Estate of your Father Nathaniel Tolman late of Needham aford. Husbandman deced, was granted to his Relict Widow Ann Tolman who is since deceased without having fully administered thereon . . . ." Dated at Boston the 24th day of February 1742. Children all born in Needham:—

5. NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 3, 1716; m. Mehitable Dewing.

JEMIMAH,<sup>5</sup> b. June 14, 1718; m. David, son of David and Hannah Mills of Needham, July 17, 1741. He was b. April 17, 1710.

EBENEZER,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1723; m. Rhoda Mills of Needham Sept. 6, 1781.

MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. March 7, 1725-6; m. Aaron Hill of Wrentham, April 17, 1751.

THOMAS,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1727; m. Elizabeth Pike [     ]. On Oct. 1, 1817, moved from Wrentham, Mass., to Greensboro, Vt.; d. Feb. 4, 1821.

"ABIAL<sup>5</sup> Tolman, daughter of Nathaniel Tolman deceased and Ann Tolman Relict of Nathaniel Tolman deceased was born April 20, 1730; died May 8, 1730."

5. NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> Jr. (*Nathaniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), was b. Aug. 3, 1716, in Needham; m. Nov. 29, 1743, Mehitable, dau. of Henry and Mehitable Dewing, who was b. Nov. 6, 1720, also in Needham. He was a physician. He d. Aug. 30, 1775, and an inventory of his estate was taken on March 18, 1776, which is as follows:—

"Administration on estate of Nathaniel Tolman of Needham to his widow Mehitable and son Nathaniel, March 18, 1776. Inventory of the estate of Dr. Nathaniel Tolman of Needham.



House £180-0-0. Personal Estate £318-2-11. Real estate additional A right in a township lying near Ammoscoggin River valued at £40."

His widow, Mehitable Tolman, m. March 5, 1777, Henry Plimpton of Medfield. He was Selectman in 1759-60; he died in 1804. She died in 1797, aged 76.

"Dower set off to Mehitable Plimpton, late widow of Dr. Nathaniel Tolman of Needham, deceased, April 18, 1777. Imprimis:—Set off to the aforesaid widow as and for her dower or thirds out of said Real Estate, the East End of the Dwelling house to the middle of the chimney and the cellar under the same, with liberty to pass and repass from said East end of the house to the road, with a common use of the yard between the house and the road, and a common use of the well of water, and also one half of the barn easterly of the floor way, viz:—the Northwardly half with a common use of the floorway and convenient yard room by said Barn, with liberty to pass and repass from said Barn to the same. And land set off to the aforesaid Widow as follows. viz:—the south part of the garden extending from the road north three lengths of fence on each side of said garden, from thence north to a white oak tree northwesterly to the corner of Samuel Fisher's fence as it now stands, liberty being reserved to pass and repass from the road next to Samuel Fisher's fence, to drive cattle by the other two thirds of the farm, provided that the owner or improver shall make such a fence as will keep cattle from doing damage to the Thirds. Which finishes setting off the Widows Thirds." Children of Nathaniel and Mehitable (Dewing) Tolman, all born in Needham:—

JUDITH,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1746; d. Aug. 20, 1766, at Needham.

NATHANIEL,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1747; m. Elizabeth Ritts Nov. 5, [     ]. He was in the battle of Lexington.

ELIJAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1749.

MEHITABLE,<sup>6</sup> b. June 2, 1751; m. Samuel Fisher May 18, 1786; He was b. (probably) [     ], 1738 and d. Sept. 7, 1821, aged 84.

6. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. March 18, 1753; m. Elizabeth Fisher, Jan. 12, 1778.



ELMAN,<sup>6</sup> b. May 29, 1755; m. Sarah [        ]. She d. June 2, 1811.

EXPERIENCE,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 27, 1757; d. Dec. 2, 1757, in Needham.

SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. April 1, 1759.

ANN,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 14, 1762.

EXPERIENCE,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1765.

Four sons of Dr. Nathaniel Tolman, Nathaniel,<sup>6</sup> Elijah,<sup>6</sup> John<sup>6</sup> and Elman,<sup>6</sup> served in the Revolutionary War. Elman was "Serjent" in "Co'l Jona Titecombs Regiment, Captain Eben Battles Company."

The following is copied from the original document, now in the State House, Boston, which contains the signatures of Nathaniel and John Tolman.

"We whose Names are under written do hereby severally Inlist ourselves into the Service of the United American Colonies and severally promise and engage to continue in such Service until the first Day of December, 1779, unless sooner Discharged; and to furnish ourselves each with a good effective Fire Arm and if possible a Bayonet fitted thereto, or in Lieu thereof, a Hatchet or Tomahawk, a Cartridge Box and Blanket:—We also in like Manner promise and engage to obey all the lawful Commands of the Officers appointed or to be appointed over us, pursuant to the Resolves of the General Court of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay; and under the Direction of such Officers, to march with the utmost Dispatch to Charlestown in New-hampshire and to be subject to all such Rules and Regulations in every Respect, as are provided for the Continental Army—June 1776."

6. *Capt. JOHN<sup>6</sup> (Dr. Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was b. in Needham, March 18, 1753; m. Elizabeth Fisher, Jan. 12, 1778. She was b. July 2, 1747, also in Needham. John Tolman responded to the first call for the defence of his country. At the battle of Lexington he was severely wounded. "John Tolman was so entirely shot through the body that the ball was extracted from the opposite side. He*



recovered and served through the Revolutionary War. He rose from the ranks to a field officer," "with the commission of Captain." Jan. 3, 1776, he enlisted in the company under the command of Capt. Robert Smith of Needham, Col. William Heath's regiment.

At the close of the war he returned to his old home at Needham, where he lived about fifteen years, removing from there to Winhall, Vt. In 1833 he went to Fair Haven in the same state, residing there until his death, which occurred May 20, 1835, just twenty days after the death of his wife, she having died April 30, 1835. They are buried in the oldest cemetery in Fairhaven, the stone bearing the following inscription:—

The graves of Capt. John Tolman and wife. John Tolman died May 20-1835 aged 82 years. Elizabeth Tolman died April 30-1835 aged 87 years. This venerable couple lived together 57 years the greater portion of which time was spent in the service of their Divine Master. During the Revolutionary Struggle as a commanding officer, he was indefatigable in his exertions, and in the memorable battle of Lexington distinguished himself as a fearless defender of his country's liberty. They were remarkable for their attachment to each other and died much lamented.

The following quaint letter was written by Capt. Tolman to his son and family, on his seventy-fifth birthday. Parts pertaining strictly to family matters are omitted.

My son, and your family, you now receive my birth day's reflections and counsel. As it respects my age, I can say as Jacob did to Phareo few and evil are the days of my pilgrimage. I am this day 75 years old. Here it will be natural for you to say within yourselves, my parents liv'd to a good old age, they have got to be old folks; that is true. You will figure to yourselves of accomplishing great things, if you were to live to that age. I ask you what time is? you have seen it describ'd by many as being a thought, a ship at sea, an eagle in its flight, a flash of lightning: they all pass insensibly to our view, and soon forgotten: that is or will be the case with your parents. Our 75 years to us have insensibly passed away and they seem but as yesterday our years of childhood and youth are fresh in our memories. When young I view'd this world an object worth pursuing and that



with energy. I set out in pursuit of enjoyment. I would see it almost within my grasp: on the one hand, was wealth, and honors, and before me the mansion of happiness. As soon as I had accomplished such a plan, it would be in my power, but alas! when my plans were accomplish'd, my riches, honor and happiness were only in anticipation: my object was not attained, nor my ardour abated. I discovered it was other object: my hopes brightened, my faith strengthened, my pursuit was more energetic, the phantom just before me: it wants but one step to be mine. This was Youth. When I arriv'd to manhood a new scene opened to my view. My Country oppres'd by the strong arm of British tyranny, our liberties at stake: defence was necessary. To arms was the watch word, defend your rights. Fathers . . . . . defend your children . . . . . Children defend your parents in their declining years . . . . . who defended you in your defenceless days. What could be more pleasing to ambition than to knock off the shackles of despotism? Freedom and independence, was the hobby I mounted, sword in hand, neck or nothing, life or death. I will be one to support my country's rights and gain its Independence. Lexington was the spot where we were first cal'd to defend our rights by force of arms. The company that I belong'd to met the British troops in front. fix't as fate, to repel their force, we played the man, or rather, we meant to act the soldier, but inexperience operated against us: we were soon convinced of our error; we suffered much in consequence of our inexperience and enthusiasm. The ten fold force that we met bore us away like a mighty torrent: a number killed and wounded, myself amongs't the latter, drop'd in the field incapable of action, wallowing in my blood. It finally prov'd a seal to my father prosecuting my first intention. As soon as I was able to should'r my musket I joined the American army under the command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath (my first object was to furnish myself with a Bible as a monitor that I might not loose sight of my duty to my God. Now my children choose you this day whom you will serve. If you choose to be the friend of God, and serve, love and obey him, take the Bible for the man of your council, read it with attention, hearken to its counsels. I am fully convinc'd that happiness is not in wealth nor honor without religion, but with religion the heart of man is satisfied with a small portion of this worlds goods) afterward under the command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Putnam, Gen<sup>l</sup> Lovel, Gen<sup>l</sup> Arnall, Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates. In some instances I was favoured with retaliating that made some amends for my disappoint-



ment at Lexington. I was contented with privation if my object could be accomplished. After the war clos'd and I became a citizen, flushed with the honor of victory and independence and a free republican government. But I soon found the honor of being a soldier and living in a free republican government would not support me—having spent my own interest, and receiving government pay, a thousand of the depreciated government bills to one of silver. Industry and economy was the only alternative, for a livelihood. I have followed a domestic life to the present time . . . . We commit, commend and leave you all in the hands of a merciful God. We remain your most affectionate parents

JN<sup>o</sup> & ELIZA TOLMAN.

Winhall, March 18th. 1828.

Children of John and Elizabeth Tolman, all born in Needham:—

MEHITABLE<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 15, 1778.

ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup>, b. May 6, 1781 ; d. July 8, 1871.

7. JOHN<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 10, 1783.

JEREMY FISHER<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1784.

MEHITABLE,<sup>7</sup> eldest daughter of Captain John (6) and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tolman was b. in Needham, Nov. 15, 1778. She m. 1st, July 7, 1805, Jonathan Alden, of Newton, Mass., a lineal descendant of John Alden of Plymouth Colony. He d. March 14, 1820. She m. 2dly, Cyrus Graves, of Fair Haven, Vt., March 14, 1827. He was b. in 1768 and d. in Fair Haven, March 11, 1844. She then went to live with her daughter in Sandwich, Illinois, where she d. Feb. 17, 1875, aged 96 years 2 months and 3 days. Children of Jonathan and Mehitabel (Tolman) Alden:—

JOHN TOLMAN,<sup>8</sup> b. in Watertown, April 4, 1806; d. August 10, 1844.

DAVID PACKARD,<sup>8</sup> b. in Charlestown, Nov. 23, 1801; d. Feb. 20, 1802.

MEHITABLE,<sup>8</sup> b. in Randolph, Oct. 3, 1809; d. 1809.

ELIZABETH FISHER,<sup>8</sup> b. in Randolph, June 29, 1811; d. 1811.

CARLINE,<sup>8</sup> b. in Randolph, April 23, 1813; m. May 5, 1836, Gustavus W. Southworth, of Fair Haven, Vt. She d. August 7, 1844.



GILBERT,<sup>s</sup> b. in Randolph, N. H., Sept. 27, 1815; d. Nov. 24, 1830.

SUSAN JANE,<sup>s</sup> b. in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 3, 1819; m. Gustavus W. Southworth of Chicago, Jan. 26, 1845; d. Nov. 28, 1861.

JEREMY FISHER,<sup>r</sup> second son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tolman was b. in Needham, Mass., Dec. 17, 1784. He m. Betsy Leland Oct. 25, 1814. She was b. [ ] 1789, and d. May 3, 1849. He d. March 24, 1872, in Sandwich, Illinois, where for many years he had resided, being pastor of the Baptist Church at that place. "Shortly after his conversion he commenced preaching at Dana, Mass., in the spring of 1814, where he was licensed to preach. He supplied the Templeton church during the year 1816, but declined their urgent invitation to ordination and the pastorate, preferring a pioneer life in the then wilds of New York. He settled at Jumin, where he was ordained April 1, 1819." "Father Tolman was no ordinary man, and his influence upon the denominational history of this region has been marked. His distinguishing characteristic was *faithfulness* in whatever he undertook." (From a local paper.) He taught school in Dedham for a short time. Children:—

ALONZO,<sup>s</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1815, at Barre, Mass., farmer; m. Almyra Hart, May 8, 1845; d. Jan. 23, 1887. He was deacon of the church many years.

MARIA,<sup>s</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1817, in New York; m. Joseph Weeks, April 11, 1844.

JOHN NEWELL,<sup>s</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1819; m. 1st, Jerusha Allen, July 18, 1847; 2dly, Nancy J. Barnes, Sept. 30, 1858; d. Jan. 23, 1887. He was a Baptist minister; preached in Brooklyn some years and afterwards in Central New York.

JOSEPH LELAND,<sup>s</sup> b. Feb. 24, 1822; d. Oct. 7, 1836.

CHARLES WARREN,<sup>s</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1824, farmer; m. Sarah Haigh, April 11, 1849; d. Aug. 29, 1878. He was deacon of the church. Mrs. Tolman resides at Silver Creek, Nebraska.

MARTHA ELIZABETH,<sup>s</sup> b. June 19, 1826; d. May 9, 1849.



MARILLA SHERMAN,<sup>3</sup> b. March 13, 1818 ; m. Rev. Albert M. Bacon, Dec. 5, 1866. She was teacher in Seminary for ten years and has been Secretary of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary of the West for twenty years. Resides in Chicago, Illinois.

JULIA REED,<sup>3</sup> b. July 30, 1830 ; m. L. Dunham Ingersoll, April 1, 1858 ; d. Nov. 15, 1869.

CYRUS FISHER,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1832 ; m. Mary Bronson, Oct. 4, 1858. He is a Baptist minister, and was three years a Missionary in India. Resides in Chicago, Illinois.

HARRIET CLARISSA,<sup>3</sup> b. June 5, 1835 ; m. 1st, William Sampler, Nov. 1, 1860 ; 2dly, James Densmore, Sept. 1, 1868.

7. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. John,<sup>6</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>*) eldest son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tolman, was b. in Needham, Feb. 10, 1783 ; m. Jan. 30, 1806, Lucy, dau. of Timothy and Doretha (Colburn) Broad. She was b. Feb. 7, 1784, in Needham. After living a short time in Barre, Mass., they returned to Needham, where he followed his trade of millwright. He invented several machines. "He was a fine scholar in his day ; was quite well versed in Latin," and taught the Needham school. He d. Sept. 14, 1833, aged 50. She d. Nov. 7, 1848, aged 65. Buried in Needham Cemetery. Their children :—

8. JOHN BROAD,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 30, 1806.

JAMES BARTIMEOUS,<sup>3</sup> b. March 25, 1812 ; m. Jan. 15, 1835, Mary Ann Felton, who was b. March 2, 1813, in Needham. Mr. and Mrs. Tolman are now living in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

8. JOHN BROAD TOLMAN,<sup>8</sup> (*John,<sup>7</sup> Capt. John,<sup>6</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>*) eldest son of John and Lucy (Broad) Tolman, was b. in Barre, Mass. Dec. 30, 1806. The following history of John Broad Tolman was compiled from sketches published in Lynn, Boston and many other papers, at different times. In 1806 he removed with his parents to Needham, where his early life was passed. At the usual age for apprenticeship he was placed in the office of Herman and William



Mann, of Dedham, to learn the printing business. It was a large and well appointed establishment for the time, and afforded facilities for acquiring a good knowledge of art.

In 1828 he went to Boston as a journeyman in the book office of Isaac R. Butts, working on the *Columbian Centinel*. One week in Feb., 1830, the work on the *Lynn Record*, a weekly paper, was behind and the paper could not come out on time. The editor said to his assistant: "Ellis, don't you know some young man in Boston who can help us out?" "Yes," was the reply, "I know one I think will do so." "Then get ready forthwith and bring him here without delay." Mr. Ellis immediately started and found Mr. Tolman, then a young man of 24, alone in the printing office. Upon stating the case to him, although it was a bitter cold night, he consented to go, and they returned over the turnpike (it was before any rail road), arriving in Lynn at about 10 o'clock, P. M. He worked all night and the next day had the paper out in time. The work was done on a Franklin hand press. After several years of service as manager, not only mechanically but editorially, he purchased the office and soon did a larger business than had ever been done in any other Lynn office up to that time. He introduced the first machine press in that place, printed not only the *Record*, but a number of other papers and publications, such as the *Washingtonian*, *Pioneer*, *Puritan*, *Awl*, etc. A conspicuous trait in his character was promptness in filling engagements. He sometimes appended a notice to his advertisements stating that if a job of work was not ready for delivery at the time agreed upon no pay would be exacted. In middle life he sold out his business and engaged in less wearying pursuits.

On March 30, 1831, Mr. Tolman was married to Lydia Sophia, third daughter of Herman Mann, Esq., of Dedham. She was born in Dedham, September 7, 1805. In 1881, when Mr. and Mrs. Tolman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, he signalized the event by donating to the Lynn Hospital the sum of \$2500, the interest of which was to be used for the maintenance of a free bed for printers.



Accompanying this munificent donation was the following letter:—

As I am interested in the project for a hospital in this city, and as the present effort to obtain a fund to establish one happens to be coincident with the 50th anniversary of my wedding, I, together with my wife, desire on this day and occasion to make it an offering expressive of our interest in it and the city in which we have so long resided. We also desire to devote the gift, in part, to the benefit of members of the printing fraternity in Lynn, as they may be in need of hospital treatment. We both have a strong regard for the occupation to which I was brought up, and in which my wife's father and four of her brothers were engaged.

As we desire the hospital to be established on a lasting basis, even if it shall commence in a small and prudent way, we wish the income of the fund only to be used, and offer, through you, to give the hospital the symbolical sum of 50 times \$50, to be received and held on the following terms:—That the said hospital shall hold and invest the said sum forever, and devote the income arising therefrom to maintain a bed, or beds, in said hospital for the benefit of all persons under the rules and regulations of the hospital: that it shall devote said bed or beds to a sum equal to the whole income received from said fund to the use of practical letter press printers residing in Lynn (and especially to any person ever apprenticed to me) if the same shall be so required.

Later he gave \$1000. to the Home for Aged Women. In 1884 he conveyed to the Young Men's Christian Association, of Lynn, an estate on Market Street valued at thirty thousand dollars, in trust

For the suppression in said Lynn of intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors by the cultivating of public opinion and the enforcement of laws prohibiting and restraining the manufacture and sale of the same, and by assisting in the reform of persons of intemperate habits. Also, for the education and instruction of the public, and especially the young in all practical ways by which they may be reached in regard to the moral and physical injuries arising from the habitual use of such liquors, and also of tobacco and other stimulants.

And as subordinate to this work it was further stipulated that a part of said income, as opportunity afforded, should be



expended for the suppression of immoral literature, especially such as circulates among the young, the donor adding, that "his general intention is that of reform, rather than that of alleviation of the effects consequent upon intemperance," leaving the detail of work for those appointed to act under the trust.

A local paper, in speaking of this gift, says:—"Mr. Tolman was an ardent temperance advocate in early life; he was also an abolitionist, and advocated all the moral reform movements at a time when it required sound moral courage to do so," and adds in reference to the gift: "He feels that in this act he has contributed to the relief of the poor and needy as expressly, and more effectually, than if he had ministered directly to their present necessities." The result shows the correctness of the theory, as in two and a half years the number of liquor saloons in Lynn was reduced from 203 to 76.

He also did much good in a quiet way, giving sums to the poor and needy at different times, which amounted to thousands of dollars, as found by his executors. He always refused to enter politics, but has held many important and responsible positions in connection with private and corporate interests.

The letter given below shows his feelings for the home of his boyhood. It is copied from the *Needham Chronicle*, of Saturday morning, April 3, 1876.

The following letter, which accompanied a generous donation to the Needham Library Association of seventy-five well selected books, speaks for itself:—

Mr. Geo. W. Southworth.

My dear Sir: In your issue of the 25th ultimo I see you "Chronicle" the recent organization of a Library Association in Needham, and the opening of a library at the same date. As my "young idea" was first taught "how to shoot" in the "old red school house" located within rifle range of the site of the new library, I feel a sympathetic interest in the success and prosperity of your new-formed association, induced by a yearning attachment for long syne associations and time honored memories, that the half-century since spent upon life's hard fought battlefield has not weakened nor weaned.



And under the influence of such time-hallowed reminiscences I am constrained to forward to you, and through you, as Librarian, present to the Association, a few volumes from my own library, hoping not only that they may prove acceptable to the association, but also accompanied with (to me) the realizing gratification of knowing that these fire-side (book) companions (of mine) will, in "swinging round the circle" visit the homes and firesides of the descendants of those—and in some (I would it were many) cases the "old folks" themselves—who, with me, in childhood's glee and in youth's ebulliency, sported in high carnival o'er those open fields now so thickly studded with the handiwork of man.

But I must not expect, nay, I am not allowed the flattering hope that these book messengers will go into many of those hands that once joined mine in the romp and riot of those hilarious days: for in five consecutive decades of years, the scythe of time and the sword of the destroying angel have, necessarily wrought a most wonderful revolution and terribly thinned the ranks of those who fifty years ago were then just entering upon the stage of manhood's rugged, active life; therefore, I have added a few volumes direct from the publishers, and if the descendants of my former beloved playmates, as well as the citizens of the town by adoption, shall derive pleasure and profit from the perusal of the books thus tendered to them, and to the survivors of my old associates it shall be a full and ample reward to a well-wisher for the continual growth and prosperity of good "Old Needham."

Yours for the Library's success,

JOHN B. TOLMAN.

Lynn, April 3, 1876.

John Broad Tolman died in Lynn, Aug. 15, 1891, aged 84 years, 7 months, 15 days. Lydia Sophia Tolman d. Aug. 24, 1891, aged 85 years, 11 months, 17 days. "They had lived together for more than 60 years. It did seem beautiful that having lived so long together, in death they were not divided." The following tribute to the worth of Mr. Tolman, the "philanthropist printer," was offered by the Lynn Press Association:—

In the death of John B. Tolman, the press and printers of Lynn have sustained a heavy loss, and it is fitting that they should place on record their appreciation of his many noble qualities. As an example



of sterling integrity, of principle and purpose, of precept and example. he had few equals and no superiors. He was as industrious as he was honest . . . . He was an honored member of our association. to whom the craft looked for wise counsel and kindly suggestion, and always received it. His example is commended to the younger members as one they can safely follow.

Children of John Broad and Lydia (Mann) Tolman :—

FRANCIS,<sup>9</sup> b. in Lynn, March 3, 1832 ; d. June 25, 1838.

THEODORE,<sup>9</sup> b. in Lynn, June 7, 1835 ; d. July 31, 1838 ; both buried in Dedham.

ANNA MARIA,<sup>9</sup> b. in Lynn, April 20, 1838 ; m. Charles Jarvis Pickford, Sept. 28, 1864, in Lynn. He was b. in Kennebunk, Maine, May 24, 1833. Reside in Lynn.

Their child :—

ALICE TOLMAN,<sup>10</sup> b. June 4, 1868, in Lynn ; m. Louis Gardner Brockway, Oct. 29, 1891. He was b. in Essex, Conn., March 20, 1864. Reside in Lynn. Their child, *Richmal Pickford*, b. Dec. 3, 1892 ; d. Dec. 7, 1892. Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.

#### NINTH AND TENTH GENERATIONS.

Children of Caroline<sup>8</sup> (Alden) and Gustavus W. Southworth :—

DAVID ALDEN,<sup>9</sup> b. in Dorset, Vermont, Feb. 15, 1837.

GORDON AUGUSTUS,<sup>9</sup> b. in Dorset, Dec. 11, 1838. He was for 20 years principal of the Prescott School in Somerville, Mass. Is now Superintendent of Public Schools in the same place.

REBECCA COE,<sup>9</sup> b. in Wickliffe, Illinois, June 19, 1842.

Children of Susan Jane<sup>9</sup> (Alden) and Gustavus W. Southworth (second wife :—

WILLIAM STEUBEN,<sup>9</sup> b. in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1849.

GILBERT WESTON,<sup>9</sup> b. in Chicago, Sept. 13, 1852.

Children of Alonzo and Almyra Tolman :—

MARGARET ADELL,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 27, 1846 ; m. Herbert I. Kingsbury Aug. 17, 1862.

EDGAR JOHN<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 24, 1848 ; d. Aug. 31, 1850.



MARY ELIZABETH,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1851; m. Nason M. Tenney  
Dec. 22, 1869.

SHERMAN LELAND<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1853; m. Ella Woodruff,  
Oct. 6, 1875; d. Nov. 22, 1888.

FLORENCE ANN,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1855; m. Cyrus F. Ter-  
penn, Sept. 24, 1874.

JOHN HENRY<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1857; m. Amy Schovil, Sept.  
8, 1880.

GEORGE BURTON,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1860; m. Anna Kilburn,  
Sept. 15, 1880.

ALONZO, Jr.,<sup>2</sup> b. May 5, 1866; m. [ ] Lizzie M.  
Langhart.

Children of Maria (Tolman) and Joseph Weeks :—

MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 10, 1853.

Children of John Newell<sup>s</sup> and Jerusha (Allen) Tolman :—

HENRY LELAND,<sup>9</sup> b. July 29, 1848, in Carrolton, Ill.; m.  
Nettie Johnson, June 8, 1869, who. d. Aug. 10, 1885.  
He m. 2dly, Marie Stein, Sept. 15, 1886. Occupation,  
microscopist.

JUDSEN ALLEN,<sup>9</sup> b. July 16, 1850, in Carrolton, Ill.; m.  
Mary Weeks, July 19, 1875. Occupation, hardware  
merchant.

Children of John Newell<sup>s</sup> and Nancy J. Tolman (second  
wife) :—

JOHN FREDERICK,<sup>9</sup> b. March 29, 1854, in Upper Alton,  
Ill.; d. July 19, 1854.

LUELLA,<sup>9</sup> b. April 1, 1856, in Decatur, Ill.

CYRUS BRONSON<sup>9</sup>, b. May 27, 1859, in Staten Island, N.  
Y.; m. Margaret Reynolds Aug. 10, 1883.

Children of Charles Warren<sup>s</sup> and Sarah (Haigh) Tolman :—

AGNES E.,<sup>9</sup> b. July 19, 1850, in Long Grove, Kendall Co.,  
Ill. Resides in Silver Creek, Nebraska.

MARTHA E.,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 7, 1852, in Long Grove. Resides in  
Silver Creek, Nebraska.

EDWIN S.,<sup>9</sup> b. July 19, 1855, in Long Grove; m. Jenny  
Patterson, Feb. 22, 1882. Resides near Silver Creek,  
Merrick Co., Ill. Farmer. Their children :—Roy E.,<sup>19</sup>



b. June 15, 1883 : *Mabel*,<sup>10</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1884 ; *Grace*,<sup>10</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1888 ; *Mary*<sup>10</sup> and *Marion*<sup>10</sup>, twins, b. April 22, 1892.

EDITH JULIA,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1857, in Long Grove ; m. Jan. 26, 1870, Rev. C. H. Holden, Baptist minister. Went to California the following August. Their children :—*Charles T.*,<sup>10</sup> b. July 27, 1880, at Modesti, Cal ; *Walter H.*,<sup>10</sup> b. March 6, 1883, in Bancroft, Neb. ; *Fred B.*,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 2, 1884, in Yorkville, Ill. ; *Warren A.*,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1886, in Chicago ; *Margery T.*,<sup>10</sup> b. Dec. 26, 1888, in Hastings, Neb. They are now at Fargo, N. Dakota, where Rev. Mr. Holden is Superintendent of Baptist Home Missions and Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention for N. Dakota.

WARRAN W.,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1861 in Bristol, Ill. ; m. Maud Ingersoll, April 30, 1889. Lawyer. Resides in Spokane, Washington. Their children :—*Harold W.*, b. Aug. 30, 1890, in Chicago ; *Leland S.*, b. April 17, 1893, in Spokane.

WILLIAM H.,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1865. Farmer. Resides with his mother, Sarah Haigh Tolman, in Silver Creek, Neb.

Child of Marilla<sup>s</sup> (Tolman) and Rev. Albert M. Bacon :—

ALBERT,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1872. Broker, resides in Chicago.

Children of Julia R.<sup>s</sup> (Tolman) and Lerton Dunham Ingersoll :—

JULIA MAY,<sup>9</sup> b. June 27, 1859 ; m. John M. Sheedy, June 30, 1886.

HARRY WARREN,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1864.

MAUD EMMA,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1864 ; m. Warren W. Tolman, April 30, 1889.

Children of Cyrus F.<sup>s</sup> and Mary (Bronson) Tolman :—

EDGAR BRONSON,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1859, in Nowgong, Assam, India ; m. Nellie M. Brown, Oct. 10, 1882. She d. July 6, 1887. He m. 2dly, Blanche N. Stevens, April 11, 1889. He is a lawyer, resides in Chicago, Ill.

JOHN NEWELL,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1861 ; m. Eva J. Armstrong, June [     ], 1875. Manager of a cattle ranch in Montana.



MINNIE L.,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 3, 1863, in Lawrence, Mass.; m. Robert A. Paleston, Dec. 1, 1883.

JULIA RUTH,<sup>9</sup> b. June 27, 1866, in Fort Madison, Ia; unm. Latin and Greek teacher in Lake High School, Chicago, Ill.

CYRUS T.,<sup>9</sup> Jr., b. June 2, 1873, in Chicago. Superintendent in University of Chicago.

FRANK LELAND,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1876. Student in Armour Institute.

Children of Harriet Clarissa<sup>s</sup> (Tolman) and William Sampler.

HARRY H.,<sup>9</sup> b. July 1, 1861.

MAY L.,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1891.

Children of James B.<sup>s</sup> and Mary Ann (Felton) Tolman.

FRANKLIN,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1835, unm. Lives in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

LUCY ANN,<sup>9</sup> b. May 9, 1841; m. Daniel H. Forbes, July 14, 1865; d. Sept. 30, 1885, aged 51. Their child, MARY EMILY,<sup>10</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1867. Live in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

CYNTHIA BROAD,<sup>9</sup> b. in Needham, Dec. 9, 1843; d. Feb. 22, 1844.

CATHARINE,<sup>9</sup> b. in Needham, Sept. 10, 1851; d. Oct. 4, 1851.

WILLIAM WILLARD,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1845; m. Sarah J. Lambert, March 17, 1870. She was b. May 17, 1852. Live in St. Edward, Nebraska. Their children:—JAMES F.,<sup>10</sup> b. July 12, 1871; m. Hattie Hedland, Sept. 18, 1893; live in St. Edward, Nebraska: GEORGE S.,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1874: WALTER FELTON,<sup>10</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1877; d. March 5, 1879: LUCY F.,<sup>10</sup> b. June 20, 1881: CARLTON,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1883; d. July 27, 1884: EDITH FOOTE<sup>10</sup> and ETHEL FELTON,<sup>10</sup> twins, b. Feb. 11, 1885; d. Aug. 20 and 21, 1885: JOHN<sup>10</sup>, b. March 4, 1889.

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